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MEMORANDUM

To: Adaptive Management Work Group

From: Stephen V. Magnussen, Chairman, Adaptive Management Work Group

Subject: Background Information for the January 12, 1999, Meeting Agenda Item: Organizational Location of the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center (GCMRC)

In October of 1995 Mark Schaefer, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science issued a memo establishing the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center (GCMRC). In that memo, Mark indicated that GCMRC was being established within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science (ASWS) and he called for a review of the organizational location of the GCMRC after two years. In 1998 Dave Garrett, Chief, GCMRC prepared a white paper which reviewed the status of the GCMRC and the Adaptive Management Program, and contained a recommendation that GCMRC be retained within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science. Dr. Schaefer issued a memo dated August 3, 1998, indicating his decision "... to retain the GCMRC within its current organizational location for at least the next year."

Currently, the GCMRC Chief is an employee of the USGS and the rest of the GCMRC staff are employees of the Bureau of Reclamation. The GCMRC Chief reports to a management committee made up of a senior representatives from the office of the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, USGS,, and the Bureau of Reclamation. GCMRC receives programmatic and policy guidance from this committee, with management and administrative oversight provided by Reclamation.

The management committee (Mark Schaefer, Steve Magnussen - BOR, Bob Hirsch and Denny Fenn - USGS) and Barry Gold, Acting, Chief, USGS have begun to explore options for the permanent organizational location of the GCMRC. Attached to this memo is a one-page description of the screening criteria being used and the list of options under discussion. These will be presented at the AMWG meeting by Mark Schaefer, Steve Magnussen, and Barry Gold. Denny Fenn, USGS will also be present for these discussions. We would like to get a general sense from the AMWG regarding both the screening criteria being used and the options under discussion so that we can incorporate your input into our discussions and the final recommendation that is made to the Assistant Secretary regarding a permanent institutional home for GCMRC.

cc: TWG Members